

Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction

History of the Agency

The agency was established Jan. 1, 1978 by executive order to unite all related functions pertaining to the building industry providing a more effective building inspection process.

As part of the establishment of the department, the State Fire Marshal's Office was transferred from the Department of Insurance, and the Division of Plumbing was transferred from the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection.

These actions were taken based upon recommendations resulting from the Beverly Hills Supper Club fire in northern Kentucky.

Additional actions occurred on the following dates:

- Nov. 1, 1979 - State Elevator Inspection Program was transferred from the Department of Labor.
- Dec. 1, 1979 - Division of Building Code Enforcement was established, followed by the initial adoption of the Kentucky Building Code on Feb. 15, 1980.
- July 1, 1995 - Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Licensure Program was established.
- June 24, 2003 - Electrical Licensure Program was established.
- Jan. 1, 2011- Division of HVAC established the statewide permitting and inspections program on all new residential construction.
- July 1, 2011 - Elevator Licensure Program was established and annual freight elevator inspections became effective.